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AFTER FINAL: EXPEDITED ACTION

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Kazuhiko Hayashi, et al.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are indicated by the notation "currently amended" in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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